



HOT Sheet

Heroin

- Slang terms: smack, mud, brown sugar, junk, black tar, big H, dope, skag.
- Typically found in powder form that is smoked, snorted, or injected. “Black tar” heroin is dark in color and is sticky.
- Enters and affects the brain quickly. It is particularly affects regions of the brain responsible for producing physical dependence.
- Slows down the way you think, reaction time, and memory
- Affects the way you act and make decisions
- Affects your body: when injecting, there are risks of HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and other diseases that can occur from sharing needles
- Health problems can be passed onto newborns and sexual partners.
- Highly addictive
- Despite glamorization of “heroin chic” in the culture, heroin use has tragic consequences: fetal effects, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, violence, and death.
- Signs and symptoms of use:
 - Euphoria
 - Drowsiness
 - Impaired mental functioning
 - Slowed down respiration
 - Constricted pupils
 - Nausea

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